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EXDIS - FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AHERNE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: MISCELLANY

1. I HAVE CONFIRMED TO AMBASSADOR SEVILLA-SACASA YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS RECEPTION JANUARY 13. INCIDENTALLY, WE UNDERSTAND FROM ORFILA'S OFFICE THAT ORFILA HAS SPOKEN TO THE PRESIDENT ABOUT BEING THERE, AND THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS AGREED.

2. AS A RESULT OF ONE OF THE WEEK'S MORE SENSITIVE IN-TELLIGENCE OPERATIONS, I LEARNED THIS AFTERNOON THAT THE REDSKIN OF THE YEAR AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED JOINTLY TO PAT FISCHER AND LEN HAUSS NEXT MONDAY. WITH THAT TIGHTLY-GUARDED INFORMATION IN HAND, WE WILL SEND TALKING POINTS TO YOU PROMPTLY.

3. MERV GRIFFIN WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOU APPEAR FOR SOME OR ALL OF ONE OF HIS 90-MINUTE AFTERNOON TALK SHOWS. THE FORMAT IS SOMEWHAT LIKE THE TONIGHT SHOW--I.E., A MIXTURE OF ENTERTAINERS AND PUBLIC FIGURES AND A MIXTURE
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OF ENTERTAINMENT AND TALK. GRIFFIN'S PRODUCER SAID HE

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WOULD PREFER TO DO IT WHILE YOU WERE STILL IN OFFICE, BUT LEFT THE FAIRLY CLEAR IMPLICATION THAT THEY WOULD BE OPEN TO DOING IT AFTERWARDS. THE GRIFFIN SHOW IS SYNDICATED TO

SEVERAL HUNDRED STATIONS, BOTH NETWORK AND INDEPENDENT, THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY (IN WASHINGTON APPEARS ON CHANNEL 5). ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT OF EXACTLY THE SAME CHARACTER AS THE MEDIA INTERVIEWS WHICH HAVE BEEN REQUESTED,AND YOU HAVE TURNED DOWN, IT IS CERTAINLY CLOSE. I RECOMMEND YOU AUTHORIZE ME TO TELL GRIFFIN'S PEOPLE THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER DOING IT AFTER JANUARY 20.

AGREE ..... PREFER .....

4. I INADVERTENTLY LEFT OUT OF LARRY'S DECEMBER 6 MEMO TO YOU ON "FINAL DAYS; EVENTS A SUGGESTED LIST OF DEPARTMENT PEOPLE FOR THE JANUARY 7 DINNER FOR THE TRAVELLING PRESS. REQUEST YOUR AUTHORIZATION TO INVITE THE FOLLOWING:

ROBINSON
HABIB
ROGERS
EAGLEBURGER
LORD
FUNSETH

AGREE ..... PREFER .....

DO YOU EITHER WANT TO ASK MCCLOSKEY TO RETURN FOR THE DINNER (YES.... NO....) OR TO INVITE SISCO (YES.... NO....)?

5. DAVID EATON HAS GONE INTO THE HOSPITAL FOR MINOR SURGERY, AND WILL NOT BE DOING HIS LOCAL TALK SHOW DECEMBER 12. I TOLD HIS ASSISTANT THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT FOR YOU ON THAT DATE IN ANY CASE; BUT EATON IS HOPEFUL THAT YOU WILL CONFIRM THAT YOU WILL APPEAR WITH HIM DECEMBER 19. YOU WILL RECALL THAT WHAT IS INVOLVED IS PARTICIPATION IN AN INTERVIEW ON RADIO
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STATION WOL AT 11:30 P.M., FOLLOWED BY PHONED-IN QUESTIONS FROM THE LISTENING PUBLIC. I HAVE CONFESSED MY LACK OF ENTHUSIASM ABOUT THIS ONE TO YOU PREVIOUSLY, AND WILL NOT GO INTO IT AGAIN HERE. WE CAN HOLD OFF ON A RESPONSE UNTIL YOU RETURN, IF YOU WISH; IN ANY CASE, IT IS DEAD FOR THE TWELFTH.
ROBINSON

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